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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOR UN CORRESPONDENTS JAN 28, NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PERMANENT OBSERVER LI YUN GYOM CHARGED THAT US HAS INTRODUCED NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO SOUTH KOREA; ROK PRESIDENT PARK ENGINEERED ASSASSINATION OF HIS WIFE; CIA HAS INFILTRATED SOUTH KOREAN ARMY; AND MAJORITY OF SOUTH KOREANS ARE RISING UP AGAINST PART GOVERNMENT. LI ATTACKED RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

SOUTH KOREAN REFERENDUM AS DESIGNED TO FURTHER THE DIVISION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AND TO "CREATE CLIMATE OF WAR." LI CLAIMED US BEHIND PLANNED REFERENDUM AND THAT SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE OPPOSED TO IT.

2. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, LI SAID THAT US MUST WITHDRAW ALL ITS FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA IN ORDER TO PERMIT PEACE AND REUNIFICATION ON KOREAN PENINSULA. LI EMPHASIZED THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA DEMONSTRATED US INTENDS TO INTENSIFY MILITARY AID TO ROK.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT NORTH KOREAN RESUMPTION OF PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS FROM MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE, LI SAID NORTH

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KOREA HAS REACTED TO PROVOCATION FROM SOUTH AND THAT NORTH

"WANTS TO BE FAITHFUL TO 1972 AGREEMENT."

4. NORTH KOREANS DISTRIBUTED AT PRESS CONFERENCE ENGLISH
TRANSLATION OF RECENT ARTICLE FROM JAPANESE WEEKLY ASAHI
JOURNAL WRITTEN BY LI RYONG UN, FORMER ROK ADMIRAL, DENOUNCING
PARK GOVERNMENT.
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